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August 29, 2002

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street NW  
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Dear Secretary Williams:

Reference is made to AB-33 (Sub No. 153 X). This is a proposed abandonment of the Union Pacific Railroad corridor in Monroe County, Iowa, extending from near Eddyville to Maxon.

We have been unable to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this corridor for conversion to a trail under the terms of the National Trails System Act at this time and request an extension of another 180 days in which to complete these negotiations.

The railroad has not finalized abandonment and I believe is willing to continue these negotiations.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Mack Shumate, Jr at the Chicago offices of the Union Pacific Railroad at 101 N. Wacker Drive, requesting that he notify the STB that the UP is willing to continue these negotiations with the Iowa Trails Council.

This letter is being sent via FAX to your office and to the offices of the Union Pacific Railroad. Ten copies will follow by regular mail. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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